

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "The Birdcage Story"

A man was on the side of the road with a large birdcage. A boy noticed that the cage was full of birds of many kinds. "Where did you get those birds?" he asked. "Oh, all over the place," the man replied. "I lure them with crumbs, pretend I'm their friend then when they are close, I net them and shove them into my cage." "And what are you going to do with them now?" The man grinned, "I'm going to prod them with sticks, and get them really mad so they fight and kill each other. Those that survive, I will kill. None will escape."

The boy looked steadily at the man. What made him do such things? He looked into the cruel, hard eyes. Then he looked at the birds, defenseless, without hope. "Can I buy those birds?" the boy asked.

The man hid a smile, aware that he could be on to a good thing if he played his cards right. "Well," he said hesitantly, "The cage is pretty expensive, and I spent a lot of time collecting these birds, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll let you have the lot—birds, cage and all—for ten pounds and that jacket you're wearing."

The boy paused, ten pounds was all he had, and the jacket was brand new and very special. In fact, it was his prized possession. Slowly, he took out the ten pounds and handed it over, and then even more slowly he took off his jacket, gave it one last look, and then handed that over, too. And then—well, you've guessed it—he opened the door and let the birds go free.

The enemy of the world, Satan, was on the side of life's road with a very large cage. The man coming toward him noticed that it was crammed full of people of every kind: young, old, and from every race and nation.

"Where did you get these people?" the man asked. "Oh, from all over the world," Satan replied. "I lure them with drink, drugs, lust, lies, anger, hate, love of money and all manner of things. I pretend I'm their friend, out to give them a good time, and then when I've hooked them, into the cage they go."

"And what are you going to do with them now?" asked the man. Satan grinned. "I'm going to prod them, provoke them, get them to hate and destroy each other; I'll stir up racial hatred, defiance of law and order; I'll make people bored, lonely, dissatisfied, confused and restless. It's easy. People always listen to what I offer them and—what's even better—blame God for the outcome!"

"And then what?" the man asked. "Those who do not destroy themselves, I will destroy. None will escape me."

The man stepped forward. "Can I buy these people from you?" he asked. Satan snarled, "Yes, but it will cost you your life."

So Jesus Christ, the Son of God, paid for your release, your freedom from Satan's trap, with His own life, on the cross at Calvary. The door is open, and anyone, whom Satan has deceived and caged, can be set free.

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



### March 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
March 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$4,695.00
March 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	
March 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	
March 27, 2022	\$4,400.00	

### Monthly Rosary Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Pro Life
- 2nd Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers
- 3rd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
- 4th Sunday: Lectors
- 5th Sunday: Ushers



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

March 13, 2022 † 2nd Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.

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### Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



### Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish.

Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

### Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

## MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

**Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved**

Monday	03/14/2022	8:00 a.m.	Clint Giovanini (D)	Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday	03/15/2022	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Halsey (L)	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday	03/16/2022	12:00 p.m.	Ryan Penhollow (L)	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday	03/17/2022	8:00 a.m.	Blaine Tocher (L)	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 [M]
Friday	03/18/2022	12:00 p.m.	Lorraine Thompson (D)	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	03/19/2022	5:00 p.m.	Jerry Pimentel (L)	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday	03/20/2022	9:00 a.m.	Elaine McNamara (D)	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday	03/20/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased



## Today's Homily

THE READINGS FOR the Second Sunday of Lent highlight Jesus' identity as *God's beloved Son* (revealed at His Baptism and Transfiguration), and confront us with the mystery of His death on the cross. Hence, the main theme of today's readings is an invitation as well as a challenge to us to do what Abraham did: put our Faith in the loving promises of the merciful God who sent His Son to die for us and to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent. Our transformed lives will enable us to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

In the Transfiguration account in **today's Gospel**, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah who appear with Him. He is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration experience is a Christophany; that is, a manifestation, or revelation, of who Jesus really is. Describing the Transfiguration of Jesus, the Gospel shows us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory that is waiting for those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

**The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength:**

(1) In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or transformed into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus



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should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to others.

(2) Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed. For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of

heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

(3) The Transfiguration offers us a message of encouragement and hope. In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God, and to listen to His consoling words: "This is My beloved Son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord, that through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may become closer to Him in His suffering, and we may share in the carrying of His cross so that we may finally share the glory of His Transfiguration.

(4) We need "mountain-top experiences" in our lives. We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience can put us more closely in touch with God, and make us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

## March—The Month of St. Joseph

### Prayer Requests

#### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

Ben Guyger ♦ Mike Mulvihill ♦ Andrea Vandehey  
Steve Forrester ♦ Peggy Jones ♦ Mary Nehls  
Linda Arian ♦ Deacon Caleb Cunningham  
Sandi Shriver ♦ David Leonard ♦ Margret Halsey

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#### Lector Ministry

**Please Note:** We currently have an opening for a Lector Coordinator. If you are interested and would like more information, please call the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475.

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#### March 17th—a Memorial to St. Patrick

After escaping slavery in Ireland, St. Patrick spent 22 years acquiring education and practical skills so he could return to Ireland as a missionary witness to the God who had sustained him during captivity. In the end, he was wildly successful in his mission, peacefully converting thousands and building churches and monasteries across Ireland.

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#### Inspiring Quote

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."

—St. Gianna Molla

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#### Bingo

Just a reminder that Bingo is every **Friday starting at 1:30 p.m.** Please note that we now have popcorn (**free**) with many gourmet toppings. What a wonderful way to get in on a great snack, play some Bingo, and say "hi" to your friends and neighbors. Remember: this supports our Parish!

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#### Diocesan Summer Camps

The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis (Evan-Cat) is pleased to announce that the Diocesan Summer Camps are on schedule for summer 2022! There is additional information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



#### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence:** Meat & poultry are removed from our meals, but fish is acceptable.

**Fasting:** Eat one full meal and two smaller meals—no snacking during the day.

All Catholics between ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics 14 and older are to abstain from meat and poultry on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

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#### Stations of the Cross

Reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday Night at 6 p.m.** Afterward, please plan to stay for a Soup Dinner provided by one of our awesome Ministries.

**March 18th: Acolytes**

**March 25th: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**April 1st: Spanish Ministry**

**April 8th: Knights of Columbus**

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#### What Can You Do This Lenten Season?

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday Scriptures before Sunday Mass. By familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time, it will help you to experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.
2. Pray for somebody. As you're walking, driving the highways, or waiting for a meeting to start, choose someone who appears to be in need and pray for that person. Be mindful of the words of philosopher Philo of Alexandria, who said, "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."

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#### Important Dates for Lent and Holy Week

- **Lenten Penance, Tuesday, March 29th, at 6 p.m.**
- **Chrism Mass in Baker City, Thursday, April 7th, at 11 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday Vigil, Saturday, April 9th, at 5 p.m.**
- **Palm Sunday, April 10th, Mass at 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. (Spanish)**
- **Holy Thursday, April 14th, at 6 p.m. w/Washing of the Feet**
- **Good Friday, April 15th, Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m. / Veneration of the Cross at 6 p.m.**
- **Holy Saturday, April 16th Mass at 7 p.m.**
- **Easter Sunday, April 17th Mass 9 a.m. & 12 p.m. (Spanish)**